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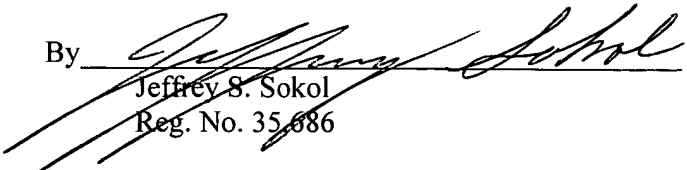
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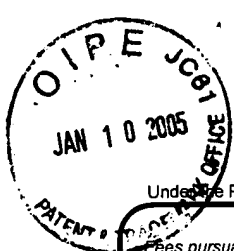
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
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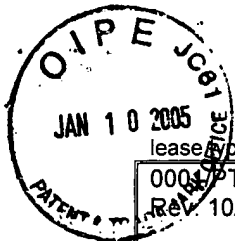
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